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U.S. Farm Production Expenditures Edge Up in 2010

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 5, 2011 - - United States Total Farm Production Expenditures totaled \$289.0 billion in 2010, up from \$287.4 billion in 2009. The 2010 Total Expenditures rose 0.6 percent compared to 2009 Total Expenditures. This is in contrast to a fall of 6.4 percent for 2009 Total Expenditures when compared to 2008 Total Expenditures. Total Expenditures for 2009 remain unchanged for a year ago. Expense items showing increased from the previous year were: Tractors & Self Propelled machinery, up 17.2 percent, Rent, up 14.6 percent, Other Farm Machinery, up 6.4 percent, Seeds & Plants, up 5.2 percent, Fertilizer, Lime, and Soil Conditioners, up 4.5 percent, Fuels, up 4.0 percent, Taxes, up 3.8 percent, Farm Supplies & Repairs, up 2.6 percent, and Feed, up 0.9 percent.

Total Fuels Expense was \$12.9 billion. Diesel, the largest sub-component, was \$8.2 billion accounting for 63.1 percent. Diesel expenditures were up 13.2 percent in 2010. Gasoline was \$2.6 billion, up 4.9 percent. LP Gas was \$1.5 billion, down 24.9 percent. Other Fuels were \$0.7 billion, down 10.0 percent.

The four largest expenditures at the United States level totaled \$134.4 billion and accounted for 46.5 percent of Total Expenditures in 2010. They were Feed, 15.7 percent; Farm Services, 12.4 percent; Labor, 9.5 percent; and Rent, 9.0 percent.

In 2010, the United States Total Farm Expenditure average per farm was \$131,793 compared with \$131,137 in 2009, an increase of 0.5 percent. On average, United States farm operations spent: \$20,705 on Feed, \$16,281 on Farm Services, \$12,496 on Labor, \$11,812 on Rent, and \$11,128 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases. For 2009, United States farms spent an average of: \$20,533 on Feed, \$16,609 on Farm Services, \$13,141 on Labor, \$11,818 on Livestock and Poultry Purchases, and \$10,312 on Rent.

Total Expenditures by Region were up in the Atlantic, the South, and the Plains in 2010. The South had the largest increase at 7.3 percent, while the Atlantic was up 1.5 percent. Total Expenditures for the Plains were up slightly. Total Expenditures for the West decreased 1.4 percent; the Midwest decreased only 0.4 percent.

The Midwest region contributed the most to United States Total Expenditures with expenses of \$87.7 billion (30.3 percent), down from \$88.0 billion in 2009. The other regions ranked by Total Expenditures are: Plains at \$68.1 billion (23.6 percent); West at \$63.6 billion (22.0 percent); Atlantic at \$36.0 billion (12.5 percent); and South at \$33.6 billion (11.6 percent).

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**Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Average per Farm,
and Total, Atlantic Region ¹⁴ & U.S. ¹, 2009-2010**

Expenditure	Farms reporting		Average per farm ¹⁰		Total expenditures	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(percent)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)
Atlantic ¹⁴						
Livestock, poultry and related expenses ³	24.9	22.6	6,917	7,148	3,080	3,180
Feed	62.7	58.5	15,766	17,062	7,020	7,590
Farm services ⁴	94.5	94.3	10,062	9,846	4,480	4,380
Rent ^{5 11}	22.7	21.7	2,493	2,967	1,110	1,320
Agricultural chemicals ⁶	40.4	33.1	2,358	2,113	1,050	940
Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners	51.2	52.6	3,975	4,226	1,770	1,880
Interest ¹¹	30.7	27.0	2,852	2,495	1,270	1,110
Taxes ²	99.9	99.9	3,436	3,417	1,530	1,520
Labor	27.1	27.5	8,804	8,115	3,920	3,610
Fuels ¹³	86.7	88.0	3,549	3,687	1,580	1,640
Farm supplies and repairs ⁷	86.6	86.4	5,188	5,507	2,310	2,450
Farm improvements and construction ⁸	52.6	50.1	5,705	4,631	2,540	2,060
Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery	15.6	16.7	2,538	3,417	1,130	1,520
Other farm machinery	17.2	20.6	1,258	1,484	560	660
Seeds and plants ⁹	40.1	38.0	3,504	3,484	1,560	1,550
Trucks and autos	15.4	15.3	1,235	1,281	550	570
Miscellaneous capital expenses ¹²	6.2	6.4	67	112	30	50
Total farm production expenditures	100.0	100.0	79,708	80,994	35,490	36,030
United States ¹						
Livestock, poultry and related expenses ³	25.1	23.2	11,818	11,128	25,900	24,400
Feed	56.9	57.0	20,533	20,705	45,000	45,400
Farm services ⁴	92.8	93.2	16,609	16,281	36,400	35,700
Rent ^{5 11}	29.3	28.3	10,312	11,812	22,600	25,900
Agricultural chemicals ⁶	44.8	40.0	5,247	4,834	11,500	10,600
Fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners	47.8	48.7	9,171	9,577	20,100	21,000
Interest ¹¹	36.2	34.5	5,019	4,652	11,000	10,200
Taxes ²	99.6	99.3	4,745	4,925	10,400	10,800
Labor	28.8	28.3	13,141	12,496	28,800	27,400
Fuels ¹³	82.5	82.8	5,658	5,883	12,400	12,900
Farm supplies and repairs ⁷	81.0	79.8	7,072	7,251	15,500	15,900
Farm improvements and construction ⁸	53.9	50.9	6,434	5,746	14,100	12,600
Tractors and self-propelled farm machinery	21.2	20.4	4,243	4,971	9,300	10,900
Other farm machinery	22.7	22.2	2,145	2,280	4,700	5,000
Seeds and plants ⁹	38.2	38.1	7,072	7,434	15,500	16,300
Trucks and autos	21.2	19.4	1,825	1,733	4,000	3,800
Miscellaneous capital expenses ¹²	13.3	11.6	91	87	200	190
Total farm production expenditures	100.0	100.0	131,137	131,793	287,400	288,990

¹ Excludes AK and HI. ² The sum of real estate taxes and personal property taxes for operator, landlord, and contractor. ³ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. Intra-state and inter-state transfers of livestock are capture. (Edit procedures have been upgraded over the last several years to accurately identify operations with animal production contracts. This leads to an increase in recorded Livestock, Poultry, and Related Expenses for contractors.) ⁴ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, utilities, general expenses, and miscellaneous business expenses. ⁵ Includes cash rent paid, share rent, plus public and private grazing fees. ⁶ Includes material and application costs. ⁷ Includes bedding/litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oil and lubricants, temporary fencing, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of equipment not depreciated, and other small, non-capital equipment. ⁸ Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land. ⁹ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes all purchases of seed, plants, or seed treatments for nursery or farming operation. ¹⁰ Average per farm is computed by dividing the total expense by the total number of farms at that level (United States, region, type, economic class, or state). ¹¹ All expense line items include the operator, landlord, and contractor shares of farm production expenses. ¹² Records any capital expenses not recorded in specific items on the questionnaire. It was estimated for the first time in 2005. Due to the small size of this expense, a zero in this line-item denotes less than 5 million dollars. Average value derived from expenditure rounding to zero will also be zero. ¹³ Includes all other fuels not specifically listed in the questionnaire (natural gas, coal, fuel oil, kerosene, wood, etc). ¹⁴ Atlantic Region consists of CT, DE, KY, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WV.